

As a licensed Amateur of over 50 years I wish to oppose any change which will eliminate Morse code capability as a requirement for an HF license. I operate CW very little and had difficulty learning it but it needs to remain a requirement to reduce the number of persons with licenses who are not fully committed to the good of amateur radio. The elimination of CW will cause amateur radio to become another sorry citizens band with all the problems found on 27 MHz. The code requirement keeps most of the law breakers off the ham bands and helps to insure that only persons dedicated to the purposes of ham radio get on the air. To make it any easier to get a license than it already is will surely invite trouble makers and those with an insincere interest to get a license for which they did little and have not respect for.